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## **Energy Office Celebrates Earth Day 2021**

COLUMBIA, SC – April 22, 2021 – The Energy Office, as part of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), is proud to celebrate Earth Day 2021.

Celebrated annually on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day unites millions of people across the world to promote a cleaner and safer environment. After a year impacted by COVID-19, the Energy Office is offering activities, links, and quick-tip videos on a special Earth Day web page at ENERGY.SC.GOV/EarthDay2021.

There are many ways to save energy and celebrate Earth Day while still staying safe. This can include actions such as attending a digital teach-in on an energy-related topic or doing an energy-related activity with your kids.

For teachers, the Energy Office has developed <u>ten free energy lesson plans</u> specifically for South Carolina teachers to use. These lessons align with the South Carolina Science Standards and indicate the grade level covered by the standard. Lesson topics include renewables, energy conservation, green buildings, energy sources, and transportation.

Even as we transition back to a more normal way of life, some are still working or learning from home. This continues to impact energy bills, but there are ways for consumers to save energy at home or in the workplace. Small steps such as adjusting the thermostat or switching out lightbulbs can be a great first step to celebrating Earth Day and saving energy.

More information from the Energy Office on Earth Day 2021 can be found at ENERGY.SC.GOV/EarthDay2021.

## **ABOUT THE ENERGY OFFICE**

The Energy Office, housed within the ORS, serves as the principal energy planning entity for the state. The mission of the Energy Office is to advance South Carolina's energy strategy and policy through education and outreach. The Energy Office promotes the efficient use of all energy sources. In addition, the Energy Office encourages energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation through a broad range of initiatives that include developing the State Energy Plan, providing technical assistance, offering financial assistance, conducting education and outreach, and maintaining an energy data resource. More information is available on <a href="ENERGY.SC.GOV">ENERGY.SC.GOV</a>.